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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3498

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SUBJ: KOREA AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. AS RESULT FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH ROK CONSUL GENERAL SOH EMBASSY BELIEVES SINGAPORE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SECOND GROUP OF COUNTRIES CITED REF A WHERE THERE IS "SOME HINT OF FAVORABLE STATEMENT" BEING MADE IN NAC DISCUSSION ON KOREAN ISSUE. SOH ADMITTED THAT AS REPORTED REF B MFA CIVIL SERVANTS DOUBTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM WOULD SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, SOH SAID HE TALKED TO RAJA ON AUGUST 10 WHO REITERATED IN GENERAL TERMS HE WOULD CARRY OUT COMMITMENTS HE HAD MADE TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LHO (SINGAPORE 3068) WHICH HAD INCLUDED PROMISE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ADMITTING BOTH KOREAS.

2. SOH WAS UNSURE FROM VAGUENESS OF RAJA'S REMARKS WHETHER HE WOULD ACTUALLY SPEAK FAVORABLY AT NAC ON KOREAN ISSUE. HOWEVER,
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HE THOUGHT THAT IF OTHER ASEAN GOVERNMENTS DID, NOTABLY INDONESIA

AND MALAYSIA, RAJA WOULD DO SO TOO -- ESPECIALLY IF HE THOUGHT
SINGAPORE'S VOCAL SUPPORT WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE ADMISSION
OF BOTH KOREAS TO NAC. HOLDRIDGE

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